

Guthowsky

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LOCAL ADMIN. FILE

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Guthowsky, Max J.

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April 26, 1961

Mr. Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Secy.-Treas.
Michigan Conference of Teamsters
2741 Trumbull Avenue
Detroit 16, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother:

The attached communication was received by this
office from Max J. Guthowsky, a former member
of Local 299.

It is requested that you help get this former Brother
out of the situation in which he finds himself.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternaly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

Encl.

JRH:es

To:

Mr. James R. Hoffa
General President's Office
25 Louisiana Ave. N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

From:

Mr. Max J. Gutkowski
Mr. James J. Capparello
Chicago Cook County Jail
No. 271038 - D10
2600 So. California Ave.
Chicago 8, Illinois

"Former member of local 299"

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Contents of letter is important and
very urgent as dead line is 4-27-61.

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Sun. April 23th 1961
Dear Jimmie:

Communicating at
crucial time knowing fully
well you are swamped with
matters more important, but
I am taking you up on your
word, when you told me if I
ever needed a friend you said
I should be free to ask you in
person, now at this crucial time
I deem my request is in proper,
and do sincerely and truthfully
hope you will understand and
be a true friend in my crucial hour
of need, otherwise I face a year in
jail and a fine for my young and
foolish neglect on my part so I
hope you will not put my request
in a wastebasket file.

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Since the Detroit, Michigan
Santope Air Freight strike, I have
been picked up 25 times by the
authorities and questioned and
released by state and Federal,
and still never made any kind
of statement, "also never received
any picket pay for 5 weeks work,
only for 3 weeks, so I worked for 5
weeks free working 8 full weeks."

You may check this above
statements of my pick up from
the following attorneys:

- 1 Harry Buens
- 2 James Manto
- 3 George Fitzgerald

You may check my other statement
about working 5 weeks without any pay
from following Business Agents at 294.

- April 23rd 1961
- 1 Chuck O'Brien
 - 2 Ralph Proctor
 - 3 Martin Hagerty
 - 4 Ralph ~~Proctor~~ Joseph Pubenda
 - 5 Frank Mc Masters
 - 6 Ralph Dyer
 - 7 Richard Fitzsimmons Fitzsimmons
 - 8 Benny Friedman

Again I was arrested in Detroit for etc., on picket lines on a Fugitive Warrant from Los Angeles California and asked union for help and got none. I lost my car & furniture and was broke when I was released.

You may check this by just asking following:

1 Frank C. Fitzsimmons

upon my release from jail I went to the hall on regards to securing a job and payed my dues and got a run around because I was to not finally I was requested to keep away from the hall like Zigie, and others, you are fully aware of what I am talking about.

Three weeks ago me and my wife came to Chicago Illinois high kicking to save money in Chicago I had letters from several officials from union hall locals to see following union locals in Chicago to secure work.

- 1 Mr. Edward J. Donovan Local 755
- 2 Mr. Daniel J. Colucio " 761
- 3 Mr. John P. O'Brien " 710

I phoned them and secured a personal interview with No. 1 and he took my name and hotel number and will call me if he can get me a job.

Jimmie, I am quite sure your Administrative Assistance Mr. Harold J. Gibbons, could throw some light on this matter as I wrote registered letter to you and he received same, and forwarded letter to Detroit Local 299 to Frank Fitzsimmons, in return at their meetings he requested every business agent to look around for a job for me, and no job why, I will tell you why because I went over their heads to you, just like I am doing again, only this time it is a different matter, and more urgent.

"Also Jimmie why did one of your business agent tell the police to keep me out of Veterans Building when you were there, and also fired my wife before you came to Carl's Steak House were she was working why, I have proof of every

word I have stated and more.

Do understand I was not going to write you but I am broke flat, with rent coming up on 4-28-61 for my wife. I spoke to my friend and yours Mr. Quincy Baker, and finally am writing directly to you now."

"Jimmie please pay careful attention to the following."

No. 1. I was arrested in Chicago on Friday April 14th 1961, again on this Fugitive of Justice Warrant from Los Angeles California, and placed in the jail.

No. 2. On Wednesday April 19th 1961, I was discharged from jail and then re-arrested by Chicago Police on a complaint by following for a check in the amount of 76⁰⁰ on August of 1960 which is true.

No. 3. On Wednesday April 19th,
I was taken to the following:

The Municipal Court

No. 37000

Honorable Corbett Smith

1100 So. State Street

Chicago Illinois

(In violation of Par. 254 Chp. 38
Ill. Rev. Stat. of 1959)

Complaint by:

Mr. Sam Michnick

Howe Glass Lounge

Home: 5117 No. Kenwood Ave.

Jimmie the judge asked me if
I could pay him I said I will try
so he informed me the full amount
will be 92.⁰⁰ including court cost,
and set it over until Thursday
April 27th 1961, no money forthcoming
go to jail for a year and a fine.

No. 4. I then wrote to Local 755-761-710,
as in page 4 of this letter requesting them to
assist me with an attorney and help me pay of
this check and I will pay them by monthly
payment and no reply, also to Local 299 and
no reply.

Jimmie, just Friday April 22nd
I was confronted with a question
from an officer of the law as follows:

"Just what I could tell them
about the Burglarizing of Local
755 Mr. Edward J. Donorans office,
my reply was I do not know who done
the burglary as I was in his
office just the other day and that
is all I know then I was told Mr.
Sandy O'Brien & Mr. Donoran wants
me to say I did it, and no charge
will be put against me which is a
laugh."

Jimmie I was confronted in Detroit and in Chicago by the F.B.I. to take a list ^{of names} and give them a full statement of facts in regards to etc., I said no and I mean no as I am no stollie.

I will close my lengthy letter directly to you and wish you if you will just give me a helping hand which you and only you can do by the flick of your wrist by wire, or telephone, to some one in Chicago Illinois to go ahead and give me the Attorney I need, and the 92⁰⁰ and give me 100⁰⁰ until I secure work since you will receive same back. If I had any family or relations I would ask them but I have none only me and my wife.

in a basket file. ^{per my request}

Jimmie if you will please phone or wire my wife at following and tell her yes or no in regards to giving me your help.

Mrs. ~~Mar~~ Doris Gutkowsky
% Miss. Doris Schudder
Hotel Chicagoan
536 North Rush St
Chicago 11, Ill. CENSORED

Trusting to hear by wire or letter in regards to my pleading request before Thursday April 27th 1961

Jimmie God bless you and yours.

Respectfully yours,

Mar J Gutkowsky &
James J Capparello

Name Mr. Max J. Gulkowsky
 Box No. a-15048, Los Padres, Calif
 Date Monday, March 7th, 1960

Mr. Harold J. Gibbons
 Executive Assistant to the General President
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters
 25 Louisiana Avenue, North West
 Washington, Zone 1, District of Columbia

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Gulkowsky, Max

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Thank you for your letter of January 27th, 1960 wherein you stated you had forwarded to this institution an offer of employment in my behalf.

For this and all of your other efforts you may be sincerely sure that I am extremely grateful.

Fraternally Yours,
 Max J. Gulkowsky

P.S.

Give my regards to Mr. Bert Owen Brennan of Local 337 and Mr. Joe Glimer of Local 777.

I will be a free man 89 days from now on June 4th, 1960 and hope to see you in person.

Trusting to hear from you real soon.

Name Mr. Max J. Guthowsky
 Box No. A-73048, Los Padres, Calif.
 Date 2-8-60, 1960

Mr. Harold J. Gibbons
Trade Union Representative
1641 South Kings Highway
St. Louis, Missouri

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Guthowsky, Max J.
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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

This is to thank you for your very kind job offer of January 29, 1960. Please be fully assured that I am extremely grateful for this consideration and shall do all in my power to justify it.

As you were previously informed, the job's beginning could affect my release date; therefore, if my services might be required earlier than June 4th., please so notify proper source, in full accordance with my previous correspondence directly to you. Awaiting copy of your letter you forwarded on my behalf.

Trusting to hear directly from you real soon.
 With much gratitude,

Fraternally yours,
Max J. Guthowsky

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

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January 28, 1960

Mr. Joe Glimco
Local Union No. 777
1213 Blue Island Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Joe:

Attached is a communication from Max J. Gutkovsky
which mentions your name.

I thought you would like to see it.

Fraternally yours,

M. J. Gibbons,
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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Enc.

January 27, 1960

Mr. Bert Brennan
2741 Trumbull Ave.
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bert:

Attached is a communication from Max J. Gutkowsky
which mentions your name.

I thought you would like to see it.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons,
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/js
Enc.

Name Mr. Max J. Luthowsky
 Box No. A-15048, Los Padres, Calif.
 Date 1-20-60 1960

Mr. Harold J. Gibbons,
 Executive Assistant to General President
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters
 25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
 Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

You likely shall be surprised to hear from me after so long an interval. However, I wish you to know that the Adult Authority has finally set my discharge date, - and no parole, for June 4, 1960, after ten long years of prison incarcerated, also, to sincerely request that you come to my aid once more as you so gave me in the past.

Provided you are disposed to take so generous a step that you accordingly consider the Adult Authority's possible willingness to grant an earlier release date, in line of course with the prospective employer's cooperation. Ninety days or more, would certainly relieve some of this excruciating tension. I do hope that you will see fit to request some of the unions to write in confirming offer of employment now, not as late as June 4, 1960, from; Joint Council No. 72, or it's locals number 420, 208, 396, 595, 196, 640, 547, 62, 994, 224, 986, 196, 180, 389, all from L.A. area.

(You can appreciate that years of legal actions and imprisonment have left me without funds. I hope that the locals will understand that I am broke and any help they dare to send me I will repay them in full as soon as I am out free and working again, which I hope will be in the near future with your assistance.)

One other favor, if you don't mind. The very next time you write Local 777, inform Mr. Joe Gimco, of Chicago, and Local 337, Mr. But

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Owen Gorman, of Detroit, I sent my regards. I hope that this letter finds you well, and Mr. Riddle, enjoying good health. As for myself, I am beginning to be able to see daylight, and freedom, with both of your sincere aid and assistance.

Incidentally, if them L.A. Locals, will write now requesting advancement stating job is now I may get an earlier date. So please have them write directly to; Board Chairman, Mr. Fred Ginsley, Adult Authority's, 502 State Office Building No. 1, Sacramento, Zone 14, California, and inform them to sent me copy of letter they may send in my behalf, also, copy of their reply in regards to their request.

In any event, I should be still greater in your debt, and inexpressibly grateful for your additional help in this and any manner you may deem fit at this time.

Mr. Gibbons, inclosed find "Institution Offer Of Employment" which must be filled out and returned as directed. Now if you can find a job in Washington then fill it out and write yourself as directed.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mr. Riddle,

Fraternally yours,
Max J. Witkowski

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Gutkowsky, Mr. J.

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January 27, 1960

Mr. Max J. Gutkowsky
Box A-15048
Los Padres, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gutkowsky:

I have forwarded Superintendent John H. Klinger
an offer of employment on your behalf.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons,
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/jc

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Gutkowsky, Max J.

December 7, 1959

Mr. Sy Strutling
Teamsters Local Union No. 70
826 West St.
Oakland 7, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

Jim asked me to forward you the attached
communication in the hopes that you could further
assist this person.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk
Enc.

Name Mr. Max J. Guttenberg

Box No. A-15048

Los Padres, Calif.

Date Tuesday November 17th

1959

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Having received your last letter which you said you forwarded my letter to by strutting in Oakland and the ~~Prison~~ ^{Prison} gave me a job but instead of a parole from prison, I am given a discharge date on Saturday June 7, 1960 after 10 years. I am not at Folsom Prison but transferred to California Men's Colony, with 175 days for freedom.

My sister wrote in my behalf to following funds back east and friends of Mr. Riddle. They are Mr. Kent Owen Brennan of Local 337 and Mr. Joe Glince of Local 777 and all can not do anything now because of etc.

Do understand I am fully aware you and Mr. Riddle are very busy person, but will forward word to the Los Angeles Transmitter Joint Council No. 42 stating to send up an attorney of the union to see me in person only, as circumstances won't permit me to write through any kind of correspondence only by personal interview.

Mr. Gibbons, I stated in my other letters to you. I have no home to go to upon my release. Also, I will have only the funds which the state provides which is \$4.00. So you can see that I must have some sort of employment and etc. I shall be happy and content with what ever my lot may be in the future.

Anything that you may be able to assist me along in the above like, and it will be a great help to me and you and Mr. Riddle can rest assured that I shall never give you any kind of reason to regret having extended any consideration that you may feel is with in your province.

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This matter I must discuss with union attorney is urgent and will help me as well as you. Also, I am inclosing offer of employment for your use, maybe something will come up. When you write to L.A. joint Council refer them to my letter and to his avail, and why.

I have also filed with the authoritys to place you on my approved correspondence so I can write to you and Mr. Riddle. And when I am free I will repay you in full.

Wishing you and family, and Mr. Riddle and family will enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Thanking you in advance hoping I may hear from you at your leisure.

I remain very sincerely

Yours truly,
Max J. Rutkowski

Name MAX J. GUTOWSKY
 Box No. A-15018, Los Padres, California
 Date June 17, 1959 1959

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Gutowsky, Max J.
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Mr. Harold J. Gibbons,
 Executive Assistant to General President
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters
 25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
 Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

I hope that this letter finds you well, and that both Mr. Bert Brennan and Mr. Riddle are also enjoying good days. As for myself, I am still in prison after nine long years, but I am beginning to be able to see daylight.

I am writing you at this time to ask for your help. I have a discharge date set for next June, but I have filed for re-consideration by the Adult Authority, and it is not impossible that I may be granted an earlier discharge date. One of the factors that would greatly help to persuade the Adult Authority to release me sooner would be a firm offer of employment from a responsible source. I am writing to you in the hope that you will see fit to urge some of the locals out here to write in confirming offers of employment.

If you are willing to do so, I would be most grateful if you could write to the Joint Council of Teamsters, No. 42, informing them of this situation and asking them to urge the following locals to send in offers of employment: Local No. 595, Local No. 420, Local No. 244, Local No. 547, and Local No. 208, all in Los Angeles, California.

One other favor, if you don't mind. Would you write to the local at San Luis Obispo, California, only a few miles from the California Men's Colony, my present address, and ask them to have their local legal representative come up to see me at once?

You can appreciate that years of legal actions and imprisonment have left me without funds. I hope that the locals will understand that I am broke and any help they care to send to me I will repay to them as soon as I am working again, which I hope will be in the near future.

Again, thank you very much for your interest and for any aid you feel you can give to me at this time. I remain,

Humbly yours,
Max J. Gutowsky
 Max J. Gutowsky

Max J. Gutowsky

A - 15048

June 10, 1959

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In nine years I have learned that it is much better to learn to keep up with myself than to try to keep up with the Joneses. I know that my true wealth is within me, and that material things aren't quite so important after all.

I would like to have the privilege and opportunity of coming before you again, in the not too distant future, so that you can see for yourselves that my attitude toward people and toward myself has changed. I see now that I was a bad risk for release in my old state of mind. I was pretty miserable, too. You weren't happy with me, and I wasn't very happy with myself. But now I sincerely believe I can give you some very good reasons why you should reconsider my release date.

1. My attitude is improved. I look at things in a more wholesome light.
2. Good people on the outside are willing, now, to help me with employment and to make a good readjustment to society.
3. I have a determination not to let myself down, or to break faith with anyone who shows faith in me.

Would you please consider a modification of my discharge date to an earlier date?

May I recite my case with this quotation. The Bible says:
"Whatever thy hand is able to do, do it with thy strength."

This was just as many words to me for a long time. I wish that somewhere along the line I had been taught the full meaning sooner.

Respectfully,

Max J. Gutowsky

Max J. Rutkowsky

A - 15048

June 10, 1959

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The Adult Authority
State Office Building No. 1
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

Your records will show that I am scheduled to be discharged in June, 1960. I have already served more than nine years, as of the date of this letter. Your records will also show that my date, at one time, was June, 1959, but that on the recommendation of the authorities at CIM action was taken to advance it one year.

My purpose in addressing you at this time is to request that you consider reviewing my status at an early date with a view to possible modification of my present discharge date.

I have spent a great deal of time thinking over what has happened, and while I felt pretty mad about the way the people at Chino treated me in the disciplinary action, my anger soon turned from them to myself. I now realize that by my foolishness I have hurt myself more than people have hurt me. I feel very much ashamed for all the trouble that I have caused - including the troubles that I ought to have been punished for but wasn't.

I also realize that to re-open old sores will serve no good purpose, even if I were successful in showing that I was right in one or two instances. I have something much more important to think about now. That is, the problems I will face in adjusting myself to useful life in the free world after almost a decade behind bars. I am very lucky to have a number of good people on the outside who have confidence in me. This is proven by the job offers which I have, some of which have come through the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union to which I belong. I could go to work in Los Angeles, or Oakland, or Chicago immediately, if I were free to do so. I know one thing, when I do go to work I am not going to let my employer down in any way. The least I can do for anyone who has shown faith in me is to demonstrate that I am a responsible person and not betray their trust. I know that I can do this because I am determined not to let myself down again, and by breaking faith with them I would be hurting myself more than anyone else.

Let's face it. I have had a belligerent, irresponsible attitude in the past. You knew it and I know it. It has taken a long time to wear away the rough edges. But I feel differently now.

I have confidence in myself, and confidence in my ability to face life without a chip on my shoulder. I have taken a new look at myself, and I have awakened to the realization that there is nothing I can do about what has happened in the past except profit by my errors, but that there is a lot I can do about the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE ✓
Gutkowsky, Max J.
X California State
Prison at Folsom

May 26, 1959

Mr. Robert A. Heinze, Warden
California State Prison at Folsom
Folsom, California

Dear Sir:

RE: A-15048
Gutkowsky, Max J.

This will indicate my desire to correspond with
Max Gutkowsky.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk

Name Max J. Guthowsky
 Box No. LA-13048 Los Padres, Calif
 Date Monday night June 8th 1959

Mr. H. J. Gibbons
 25 Louisiana Ave. N.W.
 Washington 1, D.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Guthowsky, Max J
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Dear Harold:

Corresponding at this time to give you my acknowledge-
 ment of your prompt reply and also in acknowledgement of a letter,
 and a job from Ly Stelling, and I was transferred from California
 State Prison to California Reels Colony at above and new address.

I wish you to write to Mr. Homer S. Workburg of 244, and
 ask him to come up to see me in regards to business matter very soon
 as you are aware I can not discuss it by communication.

Harold, I need some one like Edward Cheyfitz, and Homer
 S. Workburg knows what to do in regards to my business before I
 lose everything.

Trusting to hear from you and give my regards to Riddle for me
 I remain,

Sincerely,
 Max J. Guthowsky

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Gutkowsky, Max
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March 6, 1959

Mr. Sy. Strutling
Teamsters Local Union No. 70
826 West St.
Oakland 7, California

Dear Sy:

Attached is a communication which is self-explanatory.

At President Hoffa's suggestion I am forwarding it to you
with the admonition "Pollack take care of this".

With my sincere regards.

Fraternaly yours,

H. J. Gibbons,
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yh
Enc.

March 6, 1959

Mr. Max J. Gulkowsky
Box No. A-15048
Rapesea, California

Dear Mr. Gulkowsky:

I have your letter of February 12th and have forwarded
it to Sy Strutling of our local union in Oakland.

You will hear from him direct.

Faternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk

Name *Mr. Max J. Genthowsky*
 Box No. *A-15078* , Repreia, California
 Date *2/12/59* 19

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Dear Mr. Cheyfitz:

Corresponding directly with you in the sincer hope to secure your assistance in regards to straighten out this cruel matter I will give you a little run down of my self.

I am Jewish, from Chicago, Illinois, single, age 42, 185 pounds, 6 feet, member Local 705, Chicago, I will be appealing before California Adult Authority, own March 9 or latter in regards to secure back my discharge date of 6-4-59, which I losted through know fault of mine, through a miscarriage of justice, after being imprisonment nine years on a term of "four years to life".

Do understand I have communicated with the Local 85, Mr. Harold T. Lopez, at San Francisco, and with Mr. John M. Annand, Joint Council No: 42, and Mr. Gaytelle Loren, of Local 595, Mr. Irwin C. Magisen, Local 547, Mr. John W. Filipoff, + Mr. William S. Fitzpatrick, of Local 208, and Mr. Ernest E. Mitringer, of Local 420, at Los Angeles, Mr. Harry Finks, and Mr. C. J. Haggerty, at Sacramento, and secured a job I mean several but that is not my request.

Since I am without funds to secure an attorney and really need one at this cruel time before I appear in March I would like to see a union attorney from Sacramento, California, to come see me at once. My sister wrote the boss, but to no avail, now I am writing directly to have you phone or write at once for the Sacramento office to sent attorney to see me at once.

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Mr. Harold Gibbons, and Mr. Edward Cheyfitz, I will
in close a form of employment, for your approval, and you
can see that it is not a contract, or is it binding, since I can
do following work I mean I can operate following; any 6 or 10
wheel dump truck, or water wagon, and highway rise single or double,
moater grader, tractors light or heavy, carryalls! And also Receiving
& Shipping Clerk, truck dispatcher, warehouse clerk, etc.

Thanking you in advance, and do sincerely hope to hear
from you. And please do understand I will some way honestly
repay the union for its attorney and also for a job from your
headquarters for a job and letter to Adult Authority before March
and also thanks again for the Attorney. I remain,

Very truly yours,
Max D. Gutkowski